THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Waiting list under IAY

3454. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is long waiting list in the allotments under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY);

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the allotment of IAY houses came under severe criticism from the beneficiaries who are in pending list for long; and

(d) if so, what are the steps being contemplated by Government to address these grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) since the year 1985-86 under which financial assistance is provided to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) rural households for construction of a dwelling unit. As per Census 2001, the housing shortage in rural areas is about 148.33 lakh. A Statement showing the State-wise rural housing shortage is enclosed (See below).

(c) and (d) In order to address the problem of rural housing shortage more directly, the criteria for allocation of funds under the IAY, to the States/UTs has been modified from the year 2005-06 to assign 75% weightage to housing shortage and 25% weightage to poverty ratio as against the 50:50 weightage being given earlier to both the parameters. In order to provide shelter to the rural poor, about 60 lakh houses are proposed to be constructed during a period of 4 years starting from 2005-06, under 'Bharat Nirman" Programme.

Statement

State-wise Housing Shortage in Rural Areas as per 2001 Census

Unit in Nos.

SI. No.	Name of the States/UTs	Housing Shortage
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	1350282
2	Arunachal Pradesh	105728
3	Assam	2241230
4	Bihar	4210293
5	Chandigarh	1232
6	Chhattisgarh	115528
7	Delhi	7200
8	Goa	6422
9	Gujarat	674354
10	Haryana	55572
11	Himachal Pradesh	15928
12	Jammu & Kashmir	92923
13	Jharkhand	105867
14	Karnataka	436638
15	Kerala	261347
16	Madhya Pradesh	207744
17	Maharashtra	612441
18	Manipur	69062
19	Meghalaya	148657
20	Mizoram	30250
21	Nagaland	97157
22	Orissa	655617
23	Punjab	75374
24	Rajasthan	258634
25	Sikkim	11944
26	Tamil Nadu	431010
27	Tripura	174835

1	2	3
28	Uttar Pradesh	1324028
29	Uttaranchal	53521
30	West Bengal	974479
31	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	17890
32	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	1926
33	Daman and Diu	787
34	Lakshadweep	190
35	Pondicherry	7778
	TOTAL;	14833868

PMGSY in UP

†3455. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of roads in kilometer which have been constructed in Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the last financial year;

(b) by when, all the villages of Uttar Pradesh are proposed to be connected with metalled roads as per the target of connecting all the villages having population of one thousand people with metalled roads; and

(c) the national time-frame to achieve this target and whether the allocation made for Uttar Pradesh is adequate to achieve this target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) As reported by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, 2453 kilometers of roads have been constructed in Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the last financial year.

(b) and (c) 'Rural Roads' have been identified as one of the six components of Bharat Nirman with a goal to provide connectivity to all villages with a population of 1000 (500 in the case of hilly or tribal areas)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.